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1. SUMMARY: TURKISH PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT VISITED
BULGARIA MAY 3-5. ALTHOUGH BUMF HVPICS DISCUSSED
SEEMED TO BE ECONOMIC, JOINT COMMUNIQUE ALSO INCLUDED
POINTS ON BALKAN COOPERATION, DETENTE, DISARMAMENT,
AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. END SUMMARY.

2. TURKISH PRIME MINISTER BULENT ECEVIT AND WIFE

VISITED BULGARIA AT INVITATION OF STATE COUNCIL PRESIDENT TODOR ZHIVKOV MAY 3-5. ECEVIT DID NOT COME TO SOFIA BUT MET WITH ZHIVKOV AT HIS EVKSINOGRAD RESIDENCE AT VARNA (ON THE BLACK SEA) AND ALSO VISITED STARA ZAGORA. ZHIVKOV AND DAUGHTER LYUDMILA ZHIVKOVA MET AND SAW OFF ECITS AT AIRPORT. ON BULGARIAN SIDE, FOREIGN MINISTER PETUR MLADENOV AND COUNCIL OF MINISTERS DEPUTY CHAIRMAN ANDREY LUKANOV, RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC MATTERS, PARTICIPATED IN TALKS. PRESS REPORTED THAT ECEVIT WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS GYUNDYUZ YOKCHYUN, STATE MINISTER HIKMET CHETIN, AND OTHERS.

3. PORT N OF COMMUNIQUE DEALING WITH INTERNATIONAL ISSUES STATED THAT ZHIVKOV AND ECEVIT HAD "ESTABLISHED WITHSATIS-
NATION AN IDENTITY OR CLOSENESS IN THEIR VIEWS ON A LARGE
NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL ISSUES." POINTS OF AGREEMENT IN
THE COMMUNIQUE INCLUDED SUPPORT FOR CONTINUATION OF PROCESS
OF DETENTE, A DECLARATION IN FAVOR OF ENDING ARMS RACE
AND IN FAVOR OF "COMPLETE DISARMAMENT UNDER STRICT AND
EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL." TWO SIDES AGREED
THAT UNSSOD COULD CONTRIBUTE TO REAL PROGRESS IN THAT AREA.
TWO SIDES EXPRESSED HOPE THAT 3RD CONFERENCE OF UN ON
MARITIME LAW WOULD BE FRUITFUL. ON BALKAN COOPERATION,
TWO LEADERS FAVORED "PROMOTION OF BILATERAL RELATIONS
AND CONTACTS, OF GOOD NEIGHBORLINESS AND UNDERSTANDING
AMONG THE BALKAN COUNTRIES, AND MAKING THE BALKANS A
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REGION OF PEACE AND COOPERATION." "CYPRUS PROBLEM" WAS
DISCUSSED, INCLUDING QUESTION OF RESTORATION OF NEGOTIA-
TIONS BETWEEN CYPRIOT TURKS AND CYPRIOT GREEKS AND PROSPECT
FOR PEACEFUL AND LASTING SETTLEMENT OF PROBLEMS IN INTER-
ESTS OF CYPRIOTS AND OF PEACE IN THE REGION KD IN THE
WORLD. BOTH EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER "DANGEIOUS SITUATION
IN THE MIDDLE EAST."

4. ON BILATERAL RELATIONS, ZHIVKOV AND ECEVIT "ESTABLISHED
WITH SATISFACTION THAT COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES
IS DEVELOPING ALONG AN ASCENDING LINE." FOLLOWING ECONOMIC
MATTERS WERE MENTIONED IN COMMUNIQUE:

A. EXPLORATION OF POSSIBILITES FOR EXPANSION OF TRANSPORT
LINKS, INCLUDING CONSIDERATION OF ADVISABILITY OF CONSTRUCTION
OF COMMON PORT IN TURKEY WITH VIEW TOWARD INCREASING TRANSIT
TRANSPORT OF CARGO ACROSS TWO COUNTRIES;

B. EXPLORATION OF POSSIBILITIES OF JOINT CONSTRUCTION OF A
DAM AND LAKE ON THE TUNDZHA RIVER;

C. EXPLORATION OF POSSIBILITY FOR COOPERATION IN UTILIZATION

OF LOW-CALORIC BROWN COAL AND PROFITING FROM BULGARIAN EXPERIENCE IN CONSTRUCTION OF HYDROELECTRIC POWER PLANTS;

D. CARRYING OUT OF JOINT AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS IN THIRD COUNTRIES AS WELL AS TRADE COOPERATION IN THIRD COUNTRY MARKETS.

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5. STATEMENT OF "AGREED UPON LINES FOR FURTHER PROMOTION OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN BULGARIA AND TURKEY" WAS SIGNED, CALLING FOR JOINT VENTURES IN FIELD OF POWER SUPPLY AND IN BUILDING OF HYDRO-FACILITIES, COOPERATION

IN VARIOUS BRANCHES OF INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE, AGRO-INDUSTRY,
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AND COMMERCE, AND FOR CARRYING OUT OF COORDINATED MEASURES
FOR FACILITATING TRANSIT TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF
COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES.

6. COMMENT: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS PORTION OF COMMUNIQUE
CONTAINS FAMILIAR POINTS ON MOST ISSUES, ALTHOUGH, DESPITE
AMBIGUOUS WORDING, POINT ON BALKAN COOPERATION LEANS TOWARD
BULGARIA'S POSITION IN FAVOR OF BILATERAL COOPERATION AND
AWAY FROM MULTILATERAL BALKAN RELATIONS. BULGARIA CONTINUED
TO WALK THIN LINE BETWEEN ITS TWO NEIGHBORS' SIDES
ON CYPRUS ISSUE. VISIT ITSELF AND CONCRETE POINTS
REGARDING ECONOMIC COOPERATION REFLECT ACCURACY OF POINT
IN COMMUNIQUE THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES ARE
FOLLOWING AN ASCENDING LINE.

7. FACT THAT ECEVIT DID NOT VISIT SOFIA RAISED SUSPICION
AMONG SOME SOFIA OBSERVERS THAT PERHAPS ECEVIT AND GREEK
PRIME MINISTER KARAMANLIS HAD AVAILED THEMSELVES OF 1976
ZHIVKOV INVITATION TO GREEK AND TURKISH PMS TO MEET AT
VARNA (REFS A AND B) ALTHOUGH EMBASSY HAS HEARD NOTHING
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